Leicester, Aug. 15/58.

Dear Burleigh,

I want you to give me, at your earliest possibility, a list of names of persons resident in towns in this State on, & West of, the Connecticut river, to whom the Petition, (for making Mass^tts soil free, & prohibiting kidnapping thereon forever,) could best be sent; — names of persons, men or women, (better, both,) who will take up the subject and push it along. I want to send a copy to a good person, in every town of the State, so far as possible.

I wrote you, several days since, ~~respecting~~ asking further information of your plans for the Convention. — Hope to hear very soon. Truly Yours

S. May Jr.

II

Partakers of sins of those we entice to sin, or continue therein

1 By direct persuasion, invitation &c

2 By example.

3 By dissemination of immoral sentiments whether for gain, or other motive, though with no specific aim to corrupt & tempt any one in particular.

Like firing into a crowd a poisoning a well, or the air of a crowded building

Instill false notions of duty &c

Corrupt Literature made to answer for in this way.

Directly impious, &c not only ? Voltaire's relation to French Rev.

writers, publishers, editors, "yellow covered" newspapers &c.

Often this done for partizan or sectarian purposes.

Politician lower standard of morals to secure success of measures, party or candidate. like to

crime &c committed long after may be due to what read or heard against others because of mere difference of opinion on matters not essential to good life. Fashion, give bad name

~~Massacre St Bartholomew.~~
~~Riots against Catholics~~

Murder of Christians in Mahommedan countries

of Jews in Christian countries.

of Protest in Cath. St Bartholomew.

Riots against Catholics e.g. in London in time of Stuarts.

Same spirit to our day, in less degree.

4. By ~~hindering good, excite evil~~ creating or perpet. bad surroundings, ~~& thus from opportunity of knowing & doing duty.~~

~~form cutting of mind & moral~~

As by bad govt. - laws, institutions, &c

~~As by oppressive laws, customs~~ which keep in ignorance & moral debasement

~~established by~~ church evil passions, as French Rev.

who really guilty of its "horrors"

"Horrors of St Domingo".

slavery.

5. By hindering change for better in social & polit. arrangements &c

Whether by force

or

or by creating & perpetuating wrong pub. sent.

6. By acquiescence - since wrong will last till actively assailed.

Further reason for heeding caution.

Same law of moral connection seen in deeds, reaches to consequences.

pinnacle sins receive blessings.

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